the increased knowledge which has now been gained has made the outlook distinctly more hopeful, and there is every reason to anticipate that persistent and sustained efforts will at least produce appreciable alleviation even though they may not afford complete relief. The Governor-General in Council relies confidently upon the support and co-operation of Local Governments in a combined endeavour to grapple with the epidemic and he in turn is ready to afford such administrative assistance as lies in his power.

*No.* 3284—*San.* 82-07-2, *dated* 17*th October* 1907.

The following correspondence relating to the imposition of a tax of 10 piastres by the Turkish authorities on Shiah pilgrims going from India to Basra, received with letter No. 5939, dated the 17th September 1907, from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, is republished for general information :—

"Home Department Letter No. 1330—1339, dated the 24th August 1907, from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople No. 70, dated the 12th June 1907, regarding the sanitary measures on the Turko-Persian frontier and the levy of a tax of ten piastres by the Turkish authorities on Shiah pilgrims going from India to Basra. I am to request that
due publicity may be given to the recommendation for the imposition of the tax"

ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE.

"I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of the report of the 'Commission de Reorganisation du service du comtrole' which was read and approved at the meeting of the Constantinople Board of Health on the 21st ultimo.

The report of the Commission involves certain changes in the arrangement of the sanitary staff on the Turko-Persian frontier and provides for the establishment of a Sanitary Station at Gourna (Kurna) at the junction of the rivers Tigris and Euphrates.

The Commission further recommended (1) that in future all travellers and pilgrims embarking at a port in the Persian Gulf and proceeding to Basra shall be obliged on arrival in that town to pay the tax of ten piastres prescribed by Article 4 of the Sanitary Dues Tariff, and (2) that the Board of Health shall request the mixed commission for the reform of the Sanitary Tariff to modify the text of the aforesaid article so as to subject in future all Shiite pilgrims irrespective of their place of origin to the payment of the abovementioned tax of ten piastres.

The latter recommendation was framed purposely to include the Shiite pilgrims coming direct from India to Basra who, under the present wording of the Article, escaped the payment of the tax levied on Persian pilgrims."

*No.* 3475—*San.* 110-07-2, *dated* 22*nd October* 1907.

Under Regulation I of the additional Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Regulation, 1897, for Municipalities other than those of the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore and for towns and villages, published under Notification No. 1289—M. F. 21-96, dated the 25th July 1898, Part I, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore hereby declare that the towns of Chitaldrug, Davangere, Harihar and Holalkere in the Chitaldrug District to be "Under Observation"

*No.* 3477—*San.* 22-07-18, *dated* 22*nd October* 1907.

It is hereby notified for general information that attendance of persons from infected areas, at the festivals noted below, has been prohibited by the Madras Government :—

| Name of jatra | Place | Taluk | District | Dated | | Authority |
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| | | | | From | To | |
| Kalpatti Car festival | Kalpatti ... | Palghat ... | Malabar ... | 6th Nov. 1907 inclusive | 16th Nov. 1907 | First Asst. Resident's endorsement No. 1036—P., dated the 11th October 1907. |
| Talakaveri festival | Maligai (Hogenakal). | Dharmapuri ... | Salem ... | 10th Oct. 1907 inclusive | 6th Nov. 1907 | Do No. 1029—P, dated the 11th Oct. 1907 |